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SUBJECT: CLUB OF ROME MEETING

REF: STATE 246294, DEC 18

1. PECCEI VISITED OTTAWA, DECEMBER 19, AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND CANADIAN CLUB OF ROME FOUNDING MEMBER WHITEHEAD REGARDING SUBJECT MEETING. DETAILS CONCERNING PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF MEETING STILL BEING HELD VERY CLOSELY BY PECCEI, AND WE UNDERSTAND FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT HE WAS "VERY RETICENT" EVEN WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL ITALIAN EMBASSY WHO WERE ANXIOUS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE MEETING.

2. TRUDEAU RECEIVED PECCEI CORDIALLY AND AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ATTEND MEETING WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN VIENNA ON DATES INDICATED IN REFTEL. TRUDEAU RESERVED FIRM ACCEPTANCE, HOWEVER, UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE MEETING ON BASIS THAT THERE WERE SIMPLY TOO MANY POTENTIAL CRISIS SITUATIONS TO MAKE ACCEPTANCE THIS EARLY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND HERE THAT PECCEI HOPES NOT REPEAT NOT TO HAVE FORMAL AGENDA AS SUCH. INVITATIONS LIMITED TO "ELEVEN OR TWELVE" LEADERS OF GOVERNMENT WHO ARE IN TURN REQUESTED TO LIMIT ATTENDANCE TO THEMSELVES AND ONE REPEAT ONE ASSISTANT. MEETING
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IS FOR "THINK-TANK TYPE GET TOGETHER" AS ENVISIONED BY PECCEI

IN HIS BOOK.

4. DESPITE HOPES FOR NO FIXED AGENDA, AT LEAST FOUR TOPICS NOW
APPEAR VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION: POPULATION,
NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, ENERGY AND OCEANS.('

5. AGAIN, ACCORDING TO NORMALLY RELIABLE SOURCE, PECCEI
INDICATED THAT HIS RECEPTION SO FAR BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS
CONTACTED HAD BEEN FAVORABLE.
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